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EXPERIENCES WITH THE SPIRIT ENEMIES OF SPIRITUALISM.

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[CONTINUED.]

On Saturday, April 21st, 1877, I called upon Mr. Henry C. Gordon. I found him in an unsettled condition, owing to some business disappointment. He is one of the most sensitive men I ever met with and susceptible to every influence by which he is surrounded. Under good influences he is a perfect instrument for control by the most intelligent and highly developed spirits; but it is equally capable of all interfering influences and it is this fact that establishes his remarkable mediumistic attributes.

On this occasion I took him from the work at which he was engaged and tried to divert his attention from the subject that was annoying him. It was a general idea he had formed, as to induce him to give me a sitting. Soon after we were seated at the table for that purpose, rapping was heard upon the floor of the room and the medium was controlled by his Indian guide, Konkapot. At once the door of the cabin was broken out by some invisible power, and its contents, consisting of loose papers, were scattered over the floor. The door of an empty closet which was entirely beyond the reach of the medium was thrown violently open and a moment after was slammed shut. This was repeated. What was going on in the rapping became more and more pronounced, and the medium was possessed such a demonstration of spiritual power before. I asked Konkapot what all the racket meant. He told me it was the work of bad spirits who were trying to get control of the medium. Shortly thereafter a spirit, who I saw was the personal attendant under the table cover, I having hold of the slate at the same time. Soon there was written upon it the following communication:

"Exalted influences are present from the higher spheres." MATTHEW ROBERTS.

This communication referred to some bad influences my brother. The slate was again placed under the table, when the following communication was written upon it in an entirely different hand from the first.

"The good and faithful Jesus is in your midst. God be praised for his blessing." M. A. GORDON.

I was evidently satisfied that I could understand this record from the same source as the first. My experience had taught me that the signature of a spirit communication with initial letters only, required the anticipation of deception. I did not know the spirit author of the last communication to whom the slate I was as passive as possible and ready for anything that might be given. The slate was again placed under the table, when there was written upon it:

"Dear Sirs: I am the Christ. My father sent his angels unto you, praise God. I shall come again and show myself to the world."

This was in the same handwriting as the previous communication, but from another spirit.

"Jesus." HAVING had great reason to suppose that Mr. Gordon had been subjected to the persecution of obsessing Jesuit spirits, I came to the conclusion that they were the bad spirits whose presence Konkapot had mentioned and that they were seeking to have me to their evil character. To test this matter I wrote upon the slate without the medium knowing what I had written:

"Is the history of your incarnate conception and of your sojourn on earth true?"

"Be not deceived! God is not mocked—Believe, ST. JOHN."

This communication was in the same hand-writing as the two previous ones, and as the three purported to come from entirely different spirits, I therefore concluded that they were from the same controlling spirit. Having had great reason to suppose that Mr. Gordon had been subjected to the persecution of obsessing Jesuit spirits, I came to the conclusion that they were the bad spirits whose presence Konkapot had mentioned and that they were seeking to have me to their evil character. To test this matter I wrote upon the slate without the medium knowing what I had written:

and with extraordinary power broke from my hold of him. He struggled to strike me, but this he was prevented from doing. His arms became as rigid as stone, and every muscle seemed to be motionless. In a few moments the control was broken, and the medium was about falling to the floor limp and helpless, when I caught him and bore him to his seat.

Afterwards, at the close of the seance, Mr. Bliss was controlled by his chief guide, Capt. Wm. T. Hodges, who addressed the circle substantially as follows:

"You who have witnessed what has taken place through this medium have seen the manifested power of a power which has largely prevailed in spirit against the earth's inhabitants and benevolent spirits to bring the truth to earth's inhabitants. This malign power has been everywhere exerted to cause trouble and distress to all persons who would not yield willingly to their control of them. I would have you realize that the evil spirit who has inhaled the malignant effect of this antagonizing power, and your ignorance of its existence and methods of operation in carrying out its designs, render you helpless to resist and counteract their pernicious work. You have been permitted to witness the nature and character of one of the most malignant powers that can be manifested, and in order that you may comprehend the dangers which beset you from that source. The spirit who has几分钟 ago controlled this medium was none other than Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuit order. He is still the head of a compact, numerous and dangerous organization, who, whose especial aim and object is to suppress the spiritual movement, and to this end they seek to destroy all mediums through whom the truths of Spiritualism is being given to mankind. There is no medium anywhere who has not, to a greater or less extent, been influenced by this malignant power of Loyola. Spiritual unfoldment. Then will be shown you the good you are capable of doing to mankind. All that has been promised

YOURS, SPIRIT GUIDE."

DEAR CHILD OF EARTH.—For a long time I have watched over thee, and have been giving thee lessons from spirit-life educating your interior nature, so that you will be better prepared for the mission for which you are destined, although your external senses have not realized the development of your spirit powers, yet a change in the spirit induces a change in the body, and you will realize the development of your Spiritual unfoldment. Then will be shown you the good you are capable of doing to mankind. All that has been promised

SPIRIT GUIDES."

DEAR CHILD OF EARTH.—It is the wish of your controlling spirits to develop you to take spirit likenesses. Be faithful to the powers God has given you, for by their use you can do much good.

JULIUS, Spirit Artist."

I sat as directed for six weeks. At the end of this time I commenced drawing, and much dissatisfaction was expressed by the spirit, who was drawing. This was colored up and sent to N. L. Wood, West Killingly, Conn., for whom I painted one or two portraits.

For five and a half years I devolved my time, both night and day, in painting for all who wrote to me for spirit pictures, until my means of wealth and out of money. Then I resolved that I would no longer be dependent on humanity for domestic support. I was permitted to seek business in a different direction, to enable me to support my family, under a promise to devote all my spare time to the spiritual work.

Under this arrangement conditions were altered, and very many portraits were painted and sent to all parts of the United States and Canada, for which I have received the heartfelt thanks from many who receive correct paintings of their dear departed ones, one person with whom I have no acquaintance, or had never seen, except in spirit.

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